

# NEW HORIZONS

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The Department of Aviation would like to congratulate Danville, Louisville, and Owensboro for being named in Southern Business & Development magazine's list of the "101 Great Locations in the South for Aviation and Aerospace!!" Please see related article on page 7.



Mark your calendars: The 2009 Kentucky Aviation Conference will once again be in Bowling Green, Kentucky at the Holiday Inn University Plaza on August 26-28. This past September the conference included a tour through the National Corvette Museum and an underground boat tour at Lost River Cave and Valley.



Please help KAA welcome their new Executive Director: Debbie Kelly!

## **Airport Terminal will be Renovated for Allegiant Air** **Keith Lawrence, Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY**

Wednesday will mark one year since the Owensboro-Daviess County Regional Airport last had passenger service. But Las Vegas-based Allegiant Air LLC plans two nonstop jet flights a week to Orlando, Florida, beginning February 18. And airport officials say it looks like Great Lakes Airlines will begin daily flights from Owensboro to a still-undetermined connector hub in March.

So, dust will begin flying soon to get ready for the restoration of commercial service at the airport. The terminal's secure holding area for passengers who have been screened by Transportation Security Administration personnel now has 30 seats. That area has to be expanded to seat 150 people, the capacity of the Allegiant jets, George Smith, airport manager, said Monday. The airport board will open bids Monday for a series of terminal modifications that include expanding the holding area. Basically, Smith said, the area that is now the non-secured waiting area -- the area with pictures from the Owensboro-Daviess County Hall of Fame on the wall -- will become the secured area. "We're moving from a Class II airport to a Class I" with the larger Allegiant jets, Smith said. "And we have to expand our security." The airport is also looking at ways to improve its baggage claim area to handle suitcases for up to 150 passengers at once. The vehicle rental counter will move to make more room for luggage, Smith said. Airport officials have contracted with Allegiant to provide ground support for its planes and are working on a contract with Great Lakes, he said. That will add two part-time jobs immediately and possibly two more within 90 days, Smith said. The terminal will also be getting new heating and air conditioning equipment. "Our system is about 40 years old," Smith said. "It's so old, it's hard to find parts for and it's very difficult to find people who can work on it. It's very old technology." Smith said Great Lakes officials have said that they plan to start serving the Owensboro airport in March. But he said he's hoping to get that confirmed this week.

The Wyoming-based airline was awarded a contract by the U.S. Department of Transportation in February to provide essential air service to Owensboro, Jackson, Tenn., and Cape Girardeau, Mo. So far, though, the airline has added only Cape Girardeau to its service area. The two-year contract for essential air service -- \$4.54 million a year for all three cities -- begins when Great Lakes begins flying the routes, the order said. But in awarding the contract, the transportation department expressed some reservations about Great Lakes' ability to service the new airports. "We are very concerned that Great Lakes has received EAS awards within the last year and has not, to date, fulfilled those obligations," the order said. "For example, Great Lakes is providing only partial service at Decatur, Marion/Herrin and Quincy, Ill., even though it was awarded the routes almost a year ago." Great Lakes has not begun service at Merced or Visalia, Calif., or Ely, Nev., despite having been awarded those routes last October." The airline has said it has had problems hiring enough pilots and leasing enough aircraft for the new routes. The contract calls for 12 flights a week from Owensboro -- two a day Monday through Friday and one a day on weekends -- at a subsidy of \$1,180.62 per flight. Great Lakes say it is currently providing passenger service to 59 airports in 17 states and has contracts to serve another dozen or so airports.





## Airport Support Volunteers Needed in Kentucky



AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) volunteers serve as AOPA's first line of defense by being our local eyes and ears. AOPA needs your help to promote the value of GA in your community by volunteering at your airport today! We are currently looking for volunteers at Cynthiana-Harrison County (0I8), Morehead-Rowan County Clyde A. Thomas Regional (M97), Grayson County (M20), Princeton-Caldwell County (2M0), West Liberty (9I3), Tradewater (8M7), Providence-Webster County (8M9), Olive Hill-Sellers' Field (2I2), Liberty-Casey County (I53), and Rough River State Park (2I3). To learn more about the Airport Support Network, visit the ASN web site.

### Why the AOPA Airport Support Network program?

Pressure on public and privately owned airports continues to mount. This pressure takes many forms, including curfews, noise restrictions, lack of improvements, residential encroachment, and even calls to close the airport. Often, the general aviation community is totally unaware of what's boiling in the pot concerning their airport—until it is too late to turn the tide. Knowing what's happening in the political environment surrounding a local airport is of the utmost importance if we are going to preserve our general aviation infrastructure into the foreseeable future. The more time available in which to counter negatives about a local airport, the higher the possibility for preserving the airport or avoiding restrictions. The AOPA Airport Support Network provides the vehicle for AOPA members to work in concert with AOPA to establish that early warning system.

### Volunteer in a click

To sign up, you'll need:

- To be a current AOPA member.
- Internet and electronic mail access.
- To nominate yourself or someone else via the electronic nomination form like above.
- Letters of recommendation
- To agree to our Conditions of Appointment (it's a written agreement, which will be sent to you once you have filled out the nomination form. It's just a few guidelines, mostly describing what volunteers do.

AOPA Airport Support Network staff relies heavily on electronic communications. E-mail offers rapid communication, in an efficient and timely manner, as well as an ideal outlet to help distribute relevant information quickly within both the association and the network. Therefore, electronic mail, through Internet access, is an important component of being an AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer.

### What should volunteers do?

- Be a liaison to local pilots and/or local pilot groups to help educate them on AOPA's airport advocacy efforts and resources (like those found at [www.aopa.org/asn/](http://www.aopa.org/asn/)).
- Monitor and report to AOPA on city and county (sponsor) meetings and notify AOPA of pending problems that may arise.
- Notify AOPA of any questionable operational restrictions (curfews, noise abatement procedures).
- Deliver AOPA correspondence from FDK as may be needed.
- Promote AOPA Pilot Town Meetings and AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminars.
- Establish communication channel for AOPA with airport management, advisory committees/commissions, and FBOs on the field.
- Assist in direct/indirect promotion of local airport activity to enhance favorable image of airport (i.e., open houses, Airport Support groups, and more).
- Help educate local officials and community neighbors about the value of their airport.
- Provide local newspaper clips and media alerts on GA issues to AOPA Airport Support Network staff.
- Be model aviation citizens in their contacts and flying.





# Kentucky Aviation Teacher Institutes 2009

**Teachers grades 6-12**

**The Kentucky Department of Aviation believes that education is the key to individual success, industry health, and local and state economies. We are dedicated to bringing aviation into the classroom of every educational institution in the Commonwealth. Evidence supports that students do better in math and science when shown a practical and interesting application for these concepts. An aircraft in flight is a laboratory packed with dynamic mathematical and physical science applications. Bottom line, what student is not fascinated with airplanes and aviation!**

**Rough River State Resort Park:**

**June 9-11**

**Natural Bridge State Resort Park:**

**June 16-18**

**Lake Cumberland State Resort Park:**

**June 23-25**

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## Nationwide FAA 'DreamLaunch' Tour Kicks Off In Dallas Aims To Encourage Graduates To Pursue Jobs In Aviation



Some 25 percent of all aviation employees are eligible to retire this year, according to a recent industry study... so there's a world of job opportunities, but potentially not enough young graduates to fill these vital positions.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamail Larkins, Ambassador of Aviation & Space Education for the Federal Aviation Administration, aims to help meet this growing need for trained personnel in the aviation industry by educating America's youth through a nationwide DreamLaunch Tour.

Sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Larkins' DreamLaunch Tour opens students' eyes to the myriad opportunities available to those who dream big and work hard – whether it's as a future pilot, aerospace engineer, air traffic controller, or other rewarding aviation positions.

"The future of aviation is in the hands of young America," said FAA acting administrator Bobby Sturgell. "Careers in aviation are there by the thousands. Jamail's job is to open the door for students and their teachers."

The DreamLaunch Tour officially launched last week in Dallas-Fort Worth, at the 2008 DFW Airport Aviation & Transportation Career Expo, where more than 4,000 students will gather to explore opportunities available in aviation. Larkins hosted the Expo as Grand Marshal.

"I'm fortunate that my career affords me the opportunity to educate people about careers in the aviation industry and show them that the opportunities are endless," said Larkins. "The DreamLaunch Tour provides me with a platform to inspire people to follow their dreams -- no matter what field they want to pursue -- aeronautics or otherwise."

"Jamail brings his passion for flying and enthusiasm for teaching to each and every tour stop, and it's contagious," said Dr. John P. Johnson, Embry-Riddle's president. "This is our fifth DreamLaunch Tour and the momentum keeps building, the schools keep asking him to come back, and the children are mesmerized by his determination and achievements at such a young age."

Larkins is currently sponsored by Embry-Riddle, AeroShell, Cirrus, Bose, Michelin, and Jeppesen. The Tour will stop in Oakland, CA on December 12 and 18 additional markets in 2009 including: Atlanta, Augusta, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Fairfax County, Newark, Houston, Miami, Newark, Pensacola, Phoenix, Raleigh-Durham, San Diego, and Seattle.

FMI: [www.jamaillarkins.com](http://www.jamaillarkins.com), [www.embryriddle.edu](http://www.embryriddle.edu)



## UPCOMING AOPA SAFETY SEMINARS TO FOCUS ON GPS

These two upcoming AOPA Air Safety Foundation pilot seminars will focus on GPS operations as a whole, not just individual unit-specific functions. It's no longer about a GPS unit, it's about an entire operation that includes the pilot, ATC, Flight Service, etc. The pilot should not only use GPS as a supplemental means of navigation and situational awareness, but as a method to help manage the entire flight. The seminar will start with some brief compare/contrast of specific units and how technology has evolved, and then move into meaningful tips and advice for every phase of flight: Flight planning, preflight, departure, enroute and much more. We'll also discuss real-pilot "gotchas" that GPS users got themselves into due to lack of proper training, etc. You will not want to miss this seminar.

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### **FBO of the Week** **Don Davis Aviation (KEHR, Henderson, KY)** December 8, 2008

AVweb's "FBO of the Week" ribbon goes to Don Davis Aviation at Henderson County Airport (KEHR) in Henderson, Kentucky.

AVweb reader George Samara recommended this week's winner, writing:

This airport team goes out of their way to please and accommodate a visiting pilot ... everyone from the girls on the desk, Christa and Sarah ... to the manager, Nancy, who stayed late one evening to make sure my passenger got his rental car through the security gate to load equipment and to make sure we got off OK ... to the line personnel ... Who helped chock and tie down the plane. They volunteered to put the plane into a heated hanger when it iced up overnight and did not charge for it! This FBO makes you feel important and well taken care of, including a well-equipped flight-planning room with a personal computer to use!



## Danville Named Great Location for Aviation

Southern Business & Development magazine has named Danville one of the "101 Great Locations in the South for Aviation and Aerospace" in a special bonus edition of its December publication.

Danville was recognized as one of only three key locations for the aviation and aerospace industry in Kentucky, along with Louisville and Owensboro.

Citing Danville's key advantages for this industrial sector, the magazine noted that Danville "is a leader ... due to the Danville/Boyle County Regional Airport (Stuart Powell Field), McDonald Gregory Aviation, Air EvacLife Team (Air Evac EMS Inc.) and Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems Kentucky."

The magazine is an international quarterly publication for corporate decision-makers and site-selection consultants promoting the Southern United States as a favorable location for business development.

Jody Lassiter, president and chief executive officer of the Danville/Boyle County Economic Development Partnership, nominated the area for the recognition.

"I am excited for Danville to be chosen as one of the best aviation and aerospace markets in the South, particularly alongside Kentucky's largest and third-largest cities and many larger metropolitan areas throughout the region.

"I'm confident that this recognition will open doors to aviation and aerospace industry prospects as a stronger target market for our new business recruitment efforts in the future. With enviable aviation infrastructure and strong aviation-related businesses already well-established here, the sky's the limit for our potential."

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